

REMARKS

Remaining Claims

Claim 23 has been amended. Claims 1, 3-4, 6, 8-10, 12-14, 17-22 and 25-30 have been canceled. Three new claims 31-33 have been added. Supports for these new claims can be found from original claim 24. No new matters are added. After these amendments, five claims (claims 23-24, 31-33) are pending.

CLAIM REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C §103(A).

Claims 1,3-4, 6, 8-10, 12, 14, 17-19 are rejected under 35 USC §103(a) as obvious over Hu et al. (US 6,037,328) in view of Schwind et al. (2002/015961).

The rejections of claims 1, 3-4, 6, 8-10, 12, 14, 17-19 are moot in view of their cancellation.

Claim 13 is rejected under 35 USC §103(a) as being unpatentable over Hu et al. (6,037,328) in view of *Smith*. (2006/0148665).

The rejection of claim 13 is moot in view of its cancellation.

Claim 20 is rejected under 35 USC §103(a) as obvious over Hu et al. (6,037,328) in view of Groemminger et al. (6,872,695)

The rejection of claim 20 is moot in view of its cancellation.

Claims 21-22 are rejected under 35 USC §103(a) as being unpatentable over Hu et al. (6,037,328) in view of Schwind et al. (2002/0155961), and further in view of Groemminger et al. (6,872,695).

The rejections of claims 21-22 are moot in view of their cancellation.

Claims 23-24 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if written in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claim.

Claim 23 has been amended to become an independent claim and include all of the limitations of the claim 21. As a result, claim 23 is in condition for allowance. Claims 24 and 31-33 are dependent on claim 23 and are also in condition for allowance.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing and in conclusion, Applicants submit that all of the pending claims are now in condition for allowance.

Should the Examiner believe that a discussion with Applicants' representative would further the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is respectfully invited to contact the undersigned. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any other fees which may be required under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16 and 1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-2965.

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